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Philippine and U.S. Marines work together to conduct an amphibious assault exercise in Ternate during Balikatan 2001. See story and photos on page 10-11.



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The Okinawa Boxing Club coach uses his fight against Elio Fabrisi and other experiences to train boxers. He has been training boxers since 1976 when he won the New York State Golden Gloves.

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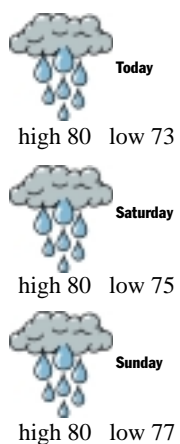
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## Coming ashore

Assault Amphibious Vehicles attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit move across Freshwater Beach, Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Australia May 25. Beach Master Unit-1 supervised the back-load of vehicles and personnel from the 31st MEU after the successful completion of Exercise Tandem Thrust 2001. Exercise Tandem Thrust is a combined United States and Australian military training exercise. More than 27,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are participating. The purpose of Exercise Tandem Thrust is to train for crisis action planning and execution of contingency response operations.

# MCB establishes Strategic Action Plan

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CAMP FOSTER — On May 21, BGen Willie J. Williams signed the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler 2001 Strategic Plan.

This plan culminates several months of detailed planning and deliberations by the strategic planning committee. It also represents the first step in the base's goal to transform the command into a customer-oriented, performance-based organization. It is the framework of MCB's effort to better serve its customers through continuous improvements in the quality of the services and products it provides without compromising its focus on war fighting and readiness.

When BGen Williams assumed command of MCB Camp Butler, he immediately put into motion a plan to craft a far-reaching and all-encompassing vision for the base that would be realized through a well-developed strategic plan. According to the general, he wanted a plan that covered all areas the base is responsible for in support of the Marines, Sailors and families who live and work here. When complete, all personnel would be able to

tie their daily jobs back to the strategic plan and the customers they support.

Additionally, the general wanted a plan to build upon and closely align with existing Headquarters Marine Corps-level strategic guidance, such as the Marine Corps Business Plan and Installation Campaign Plan.

He directed the formation of a strategic planning committee headed by the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations and Training, and consisting of members from the principal staff. What separated this effort from past strategic planning efforts was that it would involve an in-depth assessment of the base's customers in order to get a better understanding of their needs.

Consultants working from the HQMC Center for Business Excellence in coordination with the Base Business Management Office facilitated the strategic planning process. Interviews were conducted with key customers throughout III Marine Expeditionary Force and data was collected and analyzed. This data served as the foundation for preliminary plan development and was used to focus the committee as it worked to formulate the strategic plan. From this effort, a living-

working document is now ready to be put into action.

The five main goals of the plan are built around three principles: customer satisfaction, organizational efficiency and a quality workforce.

All the base's decisions and actions must always be centered on its responsibility to provide customers with the best possible support, according to strategic planners. To do that, organizers must first understand customers' needs and then concentrate their resources on those processes and activities that deliver the most bang for the buck from the customers' perspective.

To achieve organizational efficiency, the base will employ the best business practices from both the public and private sectors. By adopting the best available business tools and practices, the base can continue to improve the levels of support it provides to the operating forces and enhance the quality of life and service of Marines, Sailors and family members in the Western Pacific.

Last, but certainly not least, is the workforce. Camp Butler has one of the

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CPL MATTHEW S. BATES  
Paul Williams, a counselor at last year's camp, talks with one of the children assigned to him.

# Another summer Camp Adventure on its way

CPL CHAD SWAIM  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — A summer camp program sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services will be offering activities for children of all ages starting June 18.

Camp Adventure offers children an upbeat alternative to spending the summer in front of the television.

"They're out of school and they don't have much to do, so we're here to offer them a fun, positive, engaging experience with our program," said Janet Taitano, Youth and Teen Program Director, MCCS. "It also keeps them busy and happy throughout the summer until it's time for them to go to school."

Children attending the camp will be split up by age.

"For the day camp, children must be 5 to 12 years old, and 5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten," Taitano said. "For teen camp we're taking 13- to 18-year-olds, and we've decided to separate the middle and high school teens so that they're with their peers."

Day campers will have field trips, arts and crafts activities, singing, dancing, games and swimming. Activities will be offered in nine one-week sessions that

will last from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for children age 5 through 12.

The fees for these sessions are adjusted according to families' income, so a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement and proof of the child's age is needed when registering, according to Taitano.

The teen camp is for children starting seventh to 12th grade and will be further divided between middle and high school.

"They start Monday afternoon and stay overnight until Thursday evening when we release them to their parents," Taitano said. "It's overnight and adventurous vs. the day camp's structure."

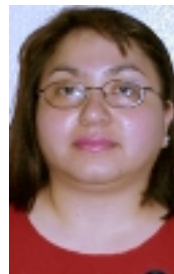
The teen camp has a set cost for all teens, which is \$70 per one-week session plus a \$10 registration fee, that all campers must pay.

Registration begins Monday for sessions starting June 18 through July 2. Registration begins June 25 for sessions starting July 9 through 23 and July 16 for sessions starting July 30 through Aug. 13. Parents can register their children at any MCCS Boys and Girls Club.

The first teen camp will start June 25 for high school campers and alternate weekly with the middle school children.

"I think it's a great experience for your kids, and if you're interested, sign them up," Taitano said.

For More information contact the Camp Foster MCCS Boys and Girls Club at 645-2174/2176/2110.



Taitano

## Lemon lot makes car sales public

CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Status of Forces Agreement personnel who are trying to sell their cars can find support with the base's new lemon lot between the Foster Field House and the new furniture store.

The lemon lot is an area within the large parking lot that is proving beneficial to everyone for a number of reasons.

As Permanent Change of Station season quickly approaches, many service and family members will be leaving Okinawa soon. Not only does that mean they need to sell their cars, but they have to do so in a limited amount of time as well.

The lemon lot offers car owners the chance to centralize the business of selling their cars, according to MSgt Marion Wilson, Camp Services Chief, Headquarters and Service Company, Marine Corps Base.

"The lemon lot gives (people) a place to bring all the cars into one general area, and that eliminates a number of concerns," MSgt Wilson said. "Not only can the sellers rest assured that their cars will be visible to the public, but it also makes it easier on the buyers, who now know exactly where to go to look for cars instead of having to search all over

the base for stray cars for sale."

The lemon lot also reduces traffic, as cars that are for sale can become a hassle when randomly parked throughout the base, according to MSgt Wilson. For example, cars for sale that were parked at the Post Exchange here for a long time took up valuable space. With the new lemon lot, the sellers still receive the same amount of attention to their cars while not interfering with regular business elsewhere.

"Currently, if (someone) has a car for sale in a random area and doesn't move it for a long time, it will not get a ticket," MSgt Wilson said. "If we discover the car, we will post a notice on it asking for the owner to please move the car. That's why there is the new lemon lot, so as not to interrupt anybody's schedule."

As an incentive for people to use the new lemon lot, MSgt Wilson said he is sure those selling cars will be happy to know the lemon lot here is free of charge, as opposed to lots on other bases throughout Okinawa.

Col Paul J. Pisano, Camp Commander, Camp Foster, said he wanted to make the lemon lot as easily accessible and hassle-free as possible.

"The good news is there is no registration or fee to park your car on the lot," Col Pisano said. "The one thing I would ask (people) not to do is abandon their vehicles there, as that would damage our good faith relationship, and I would be forced to set regulations governing the use of our lemon lot."

For more information regarding the lemon lot, contact MSgt Wilson at 645-0632.

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most diverse, multicultural workforces of all the Marine Corps installations. Each person is dedicated to producing the highest quality goods and services given the resources available. It is the base's goal to further enhance the quality and increase the morale of its workforce. To do that, organizers will invest resources in the training and equipment needed to help workers perform their jobs more effectively.

This plan is the beginning of an exciting, but challenging time for MCB Camp Butler. Base planners will continue to communicate it consistently to their workforce and customers so the goals and strategies permeate all levels of the organization. In the future this plan will be posted to the base web site and distributed in informational pamphlets in both English and Japanese to all workers.

There is also additional planning that must be done by all of the staff sections as they work to achieve success through this plan.

Throughout the next few months, organizers will formulate tactical plans with specific actions, objectives and performance measures designed to achieve strategic goals and objectives. As the planning process works its way down through the organization, all personnel will become intimately involved with and achieve an understanding of what their role is in its execution.

Periodic reviews of the plan will also be conducted to evaluate the base's performance and make the necessary course corrections to keep the base on track.

Success does not come easy, and planners said they realize that in order to achieve success through this mission, MCB Camp Butler is going to have to undergo a dramatic paradigm shift. BGen Williams said he is urging everyone at Camp Butler to embrace this plan and do their best to make it a success.

For further details on MCB Camp Butler's 2001 Strategic Plan, see pages 7 and 8.



## DoDDS begins summer school registrations

DODDS — OKINAWA

**CAMP FOSTER** — Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Okinawa is gearing up for summer school 2001 and is registering students.

Summer school programs will be offered in two sessions: June 20 through July 11 and July 12 through Aug. 2. Transportation will not be provided.

Elementary level classes will be available at Bechtel Elementary School, Kinser Elementary School and Kadena Elementary School. The middle and high school classes will be held at Kadena Elementary School.

Application forms are available at all schools, and parents can register their children for one or both sessions through Monday. Elementary school registration will be held at Bechtel Elementary School, Kinser Elementary School and the DoDDS-Okinawa District Office located near Gate 1 on Kadena Air Base in Building 6800. All middle and high school registration will occur at the DoDDS-Okinawa District Office.

In accordance with Public Law 95-561, DoDDS must defray all costs of any summer school offerings. The sliding scale fee schedule, based on total family income, is on the application forms. In order to qualify for a reduced hourly rate, parents must submit a copy of their most recent IRS 1040 or 1040A, preferably the form for 2000.

Payment must be made by check or money order made out to the U.S. Treasury and can be turned in with applications at Bechtel and Kinser Elementary Schools or the DoDDS-Okinawa District Office.

Host nation culture classes will be offered at all elementary and middle schools without charge. Those interested in these classes should contact their local elementary schools for more information.

The Elementary School Program will meet daily from 8 a.m. to noon at Bechtel, Kinser and Kadena Elementary Schools. Parents can choose which of the three locations they prefer on the application form. All language arts and mathematics classes are offered in both sessions.

The Middle School Program will meet daily from 8 a.m. to noon at Kadena Elementary School. The following classes are currently scheduled:

- Algebra I (both sessions offered for one high school credit)
- Middle School Mathematics
- Middle School Language Arts
- Japanese Enrichment (both sessions, no fee)
- The High School Program will meet daily from 8 a.m. to noon at Kadena Elementary School. The following classes are currently scheduled:
- Sessions I and II for one high school credit
- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- Algebra I
- Session I for one-half high school credit
- U. S. History
- Government

Administrators encourage all students who wish to enrich their academic program or need additional practice to participate. For more information, contact DoDDS-Okinawa at 634-1204.

## Local American receives award

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**NAHA, Okinawa** — An American living on Okinawa received one of Japan's highest honors here May 22.

Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Hashimoto presented Dr. Gordon Warner with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for his contribution to the promotion of friendship between Japan and the United States through the Kendo martial art form and his efforts to improve education on Okinawa.

"I think it's very appropriate because of all the work on relationships and the things he has done to further the relationships, and it shows that our relationships are built on very solid foundations on Okinawa," said BGen Willie J. Williams, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base. "That's represented by him receiving a very coveted award here today."

Warner first visited Japan in 1937 as an exchange student and got his first taste of Kendo.

"He kept training himself in Kendo after he left Japan and contributed to its promotion in the United States and also many other countries in the world," Hashimoto said in his opening remarks during the presentation ceremony.

During Warner's many visits, he eventually became the first non-Japanese person to become a Master of Kendo.

"After he came to Okinawa as director of the education department, United States Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands, in 1966, he made great efforts in promoting education on Okinawa and Kendo in local schools," Hashimoto said.

Warner is a scholar of Okinawan culture and has introduced the island's history to the world through



CPL CHAD SWAIM  
Dr. Gordon Warner gives his acceptance speech after being presented with the Order of the Sacred Treasure in Naha.

his many books, according to Hashimoto.

During his acceptance speech, Warner thanked all of his old friends in attendance for coming to celebrate the end of his 64-year journey in Kendo.

## Recycling centers earn cash with trash

LCPL KENNETH HINSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Waste management officials on Okinawa are helping to cut waste disposal costs and slow the process of using the earth's natural resources. They do it through recycling.

Recycling facilities here and at Kadena Air Base collect and separate more than 2,500 tons of materials each year, including paper, glass, aluminum, wood and metal.

"The thing people don't realize is that recycling saves money," said Juan F. Montalvo, Supervisor, Marine Corps Community Services Recycling Center, Kadena Air Base. "It costs less to recycle than to dispose of garbage and waste because you don't have to pay to have it dumped."

Money made by MCCS Recycling Centers goes back into MCCS funds for base maintenance and equipment. This includes anything from building costs to basketball courts.

"Before you throw something out, consider recycling," Montalvo said. "That's throwing money away and we're doing everything we can to put money back into MCCS."

"A lot of people don't know we exist because they don't understand the importance of recycling," said Bruce G. Whisenhunt, Recycling Manager, MCCS Recycling Center, Camp Foster.

Recycling cuts down contamination and the use

of the earth's natural resources, according to Whisenhunt. Recycling recovers some of these resources, which will be needed in the future.

Landfills also create a problem because of the limited space on Okinawa. It can take up to five years to establish a new landfill.

"One of our primary jobs is to keep as much waste as possible from going to landfills," Whisenhunt said. "The more waste we remove with recycling, the slower the landfills fill up."

"Materials need to be separated for pick-up," Montalvo said. "It helps our job out when people separate their trash from their recyclables."

Pick up schedules vary from camp to camp. The two centers are responsible for collecting recyclable materials for all the camps on Okinawa.

Special containers are provided to housing residents who choose to recycle. Only recyclable materials need to be placed in these containers.

After pick-up, employees use machines to condense materials. These machines include cardboard balers, can crushers, paper shredders and glass crushers.

Materials are then condensed and packaged for pick up by Japanese companies.

The recycling centers are open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Those with large loads of recyclables need to call ahead and schedule a pick up time.

For more information on recycling, contact Rocky Chavana at 645-3909.



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# Base Strategic Action Plan

## COMMANDING GENERAL'S STATEMENT

When I assumed command of Marine Corps Base, Camp S.D. Butler, one of the first tasks I wanted to accomplish was to develop a true vision for Marine Corps Base that defined who we are, what we stand for, and what we hope to look like in the future. My desire is a far-reaching vision that covers all areas we are responsible for in support of the Marines, Sailors and families who live, play and work here. A strategic planning group was established to develop this plan that would serve as a roadmap to guide our daily activities. The plan was developed using input, suggestions and recommendations from people at all levels of the organization and feedback from a number of our most valued customers.

The attached document provides strategic direction and focus for all who are a part of Marine Corps Base, Camp Smedley D. Butler as we address the issues and challenges of today and as we proceed into the future. As we learn from and apply this plan, we must always ensure that everything we do is focused on war fighting and readiness. The vision and mission herein, buttressed by the guiding principles, define our strategic goals. These strategic goals should guide every decision and drive the mission achievement process for our base.

The foundation for being a Marine is embodied in our Core Values—Honor, Courage and Commitment. These values form the bedrock and the heart of our character, both individually and collectively. We



BGen Willie J. Williams

must act consistently in accordance with our Core Values and the guiding principles, for they represent who we are and what we stand for as both an organization and a people.

A plan is only as good as how well it's executed. Like anything else, we will get out of it only as much as we put into it. When reading the plan, each of you should be able to see how your actions can and will contribute to us accomplishing our mission. You will be able to understand your role and to claim ownership of the successes that we will experience as a team. By following the plan, we will make sure that our daily hard work is focused on those efforts that have the highest probability of ensuring that our customers' needs are satisfied and MCB Camp Butler is successful.

BGen Willie J. Williams  
Commanding General, MCB

## MISSION

To provide support across a wide spectrum of infrastructure requirements for forward-deployed Marine forces, service members, their families and others associated with Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

## VISION

Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, an integral element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force, is the premiere performance-based organization in the Marine Corps. We effectively and efficiently accomplish our mission through the use of the best business practices, enabling technologies, ongoing communication with customers, and partnerships with the local community. Our personnel are valued, well trained and empowered. We are known throughout the Marine Corps for superior quality of service.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Honesty, integrity, loyalty and the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct
- Build on the USMC's tradition of mission accomplishment.
- Encourage innovation
- Deliver cost effective goods and services
- Mission accomplishment through teamwork
- Promote the dignity of our people by recognizing their individual worth
- Promote fairness and consistency
- Communicate openly and effectively
- Develop excellence in performance through continuing education and training
- Be customer-oriented
- Commitment to the long-range goals in both planning and execution
- Foster organizational and individual partnerships with our host nation and its people to further our cultural understanding and mutual security commitments

## STRATEGIES

### Goal 1: Enhance customer satisfaction and awareness

Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, an integral element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force is dedicated to

providing optimum support to all customers while always recognizing that the operating forces are our focus of effort. Our work environment must constantly emphasize that customer satisfaction is paramount to mission success.

We must acknowledge the importance of our customers and be proactive in assisting them in determining their requirements. To provide quality service to our customers, we must become integral partners with

them. We will involve them in planning and executing delivery of our products and services. Through these efforts, our customers will become aware of our organizational needs and constraints, help us evaluate the success achieved in satisfying their requirements, and be involved in any corrective action.

By evaluating the degree of customer satisfaction, we will strive to continuously strengthen our partnership to best accomplish the mission of the only forward deployed MAGTF.

Strategy 1.1: Identify customers' needs

Strategy 1.2: Educate customers about our capabilities and constraints

Strategy 1.3: Continually monitor and improve our delivery of quality service, facilities, and support to customers

Strategy 1.4: Focus resources on activities that directly contribute to enhancing customer service.

### Goal 2: Become a premier performance-based organization

Our ultimate goal is to focus our efforts so that we make the most effective and efficient use of resources as we strive to satisfy the needs of our customers.

A performance-based organization is one that successfully aligns the goals of individual workers with process objectives that go beyond functional boundaries to deliver goods and services that satisfy the needs of its customers.

By maintaining focus on the customer and establishing clearly defined performance measures, we can then begin to ensure that our resources are being used in the most effective manner.

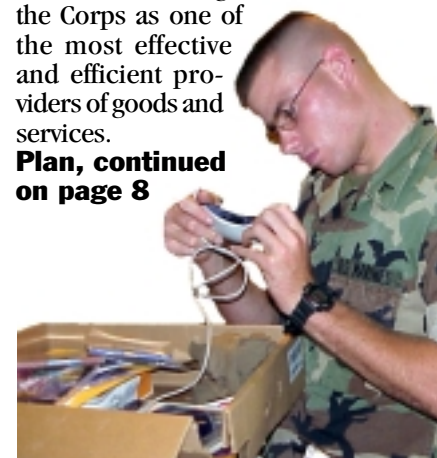
Achieving and maintaining organizational effectiveness begins with the establishment of clearly defined customer needs, prioritizing those needs, and then taking advantage of the best business practices from both the public and

private sectors to shape the organization to meet those needs.

We are going to fully utilize tools such as Activity-Based Costing and Management to improve the visibility of cost and performance data.

In the end, MCB Camp Butler will be known throughout the Corps as one of the most effective and efficient providers of goods and services.

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LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

LCpl Scott A. Thomson, Customs and Quality Control Clerks, TMO, inventories gear before it is shipped to a Marine's next duty station.





Yukio Shimabukuro, Maintenance Worker, Facilities Engineering Office, Marine Corps Base, repairs a street light.

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Strategy 2.1: Allocate resources based on mission priorities

Strategy 2.2: Evaluate performance against goals and strategies

Strategy 2.3: Exploit tools and technologies to increase efficiency of business processes

Strategy 2.4: Improve visibility of cost and performance data for installation business processes



Strategy 2.5: Use the best business practices to optimize the effectiveness of the organization

Strategy 2.6: Seek opportunities for internal efficiencies, consolidation, elimination, outsourcing or regionalization

Strategy 2.7: Educate personnel on best business practices, concepts and application

### Goal 3: Promote a high-quality, high-morale workforce

Without a high-quality, high-morale workforce we cannot meet the needs of our customers. We must foster a work environment characterized by credibility, open communication, respect and fairness; an environment where people are empowered, valued for their contributions and take pride in their work; and an environment with a friendly atmosphere of camaraderie that builds on our Corps' tradition.

We must devote the necessary resources to pro-

gressive recruitment and employee development programs, support training programs, and encourage participation in professional organizations.

Recognizing that Japanese nationals are a significant and very valuable portion of our workforce, we will work to ensure that they are full partners in our enterprise and encourage their participation and feedback in all workforce related initiatives.

We must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of both our civilian and military workforce to ensure we retain, develop and attract the best people in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Strategy 3.1: Recruit quality personnel

Strategy 3.2: Train and educate personnel

Strategy 3.3: Retain quality personnel

Strategy 3.4: Foster team identity and high morale among all segments of the US and Japanese workforce

### Goal 4: Promote the best possible quality of life/service

Quality of life is the total of benefits, services, personal interactions, work environment and job satisfaction. This goal is founded on the belief that our community deserves nothing less than the best and upon the knowledge that a direct link exists between quality of life and operational readiness of the force.

Quality of service combines traditional quality of life issues with quality of the workspace, safety and quality of leadership. In addition to committing the necessary resources to the traditional quality of life programs, we will invest the necessary resources to im-



Kavzo Arakaki, Recycling Center employee, MCB, separates paper into separate recycling bins.

prove the quality of the workspace.

Employee satisfaction with the work environment is a key element of quality performance.

To that end, we will continually strive to improve the work environment for all employees. Quality workspace is one element of this goal and we will encourage employees to identify and address other significant work environment needs.

Strategy 4.1: Provide programs that promote personal and family well-being

Strategy 4.2: Ensure quality and advocate improved services

Strategy 4.3: Promote seamless transition of personnel and their families

Strategy 4.4: Ensure quality and advocate improved living quarters

Strategy 4.5: Ensure quality and advocate improved facilities to meet mission requirements

Strategy 4.6: Provide a safe, secure and healthy living & work environment

### Goal 5: Strengthen community relations and mutual cultural awareness

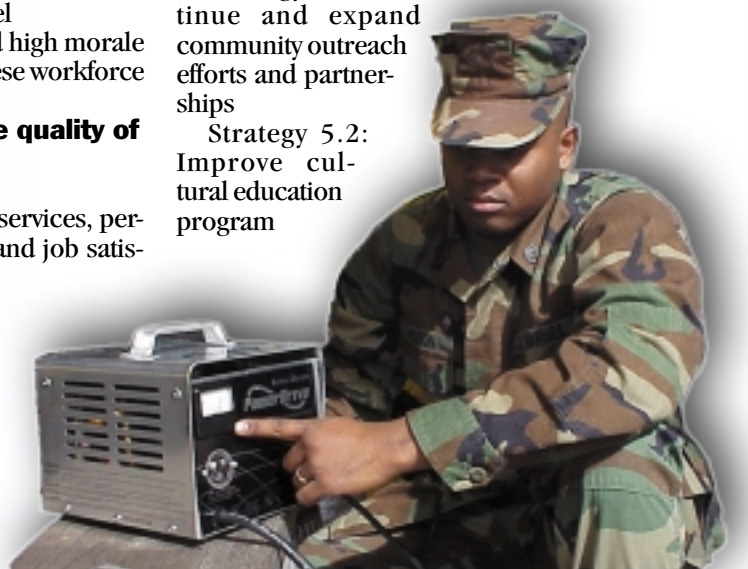
Being "good neighbors" must not only be a slogan, but a way of life for our Marines, Sailors, civilians and their family members. Improved community relations are vital to our continued ability to live, train and operate in Japan. Both U.S. personnel and local hosts must be educated and engaged to maintain what is perhaps the most important bilateral relationship in the world.

We will strive to maintain a proactive community relations program that enhances the image of the Marine Corps and the U.S. armed forces as a whole. Personnel assigned to MCB Camp Butler will be active members in the local community.

We will continue to foster a spirit of mutual cooperation and respect for our host nation and its citizens by enhancing cultural awareness through increased education of our Marines, service members and their families.

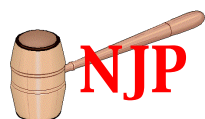
Strategy 5.1: Continue and expand community outreach efforts and partnerships

Strategy 5.2: Improve cultural education program



SSgt Vincent L. Wilson, MCB Materiel Handling Equipment Chief, H&S Bn, MCB, checks the gauges on the battery charger for the new electric vehicles.





## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for May 20-26.

### • Underage drinking

Two privates first class with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$272 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A private first class with Marine Aircraft Group-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$521 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

A private first class with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-267, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$482 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$550 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A private first class with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$450 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

### • Drunk and disorderly conduct

A sergeant with H&S Bn, MCB, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of drunk and disorderly conduct. Punishment: reduction to E-4, forfeiture of \$750 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.



## COURTS MARTIAL

A staff sergeant assigned to 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, was sentenced to 60 days confinement and reduction to E-2 at a special court-martial on one specification of Article 91, assaulting and disobeying a corporal, and Article 92, violating the Battalion Commanders Liberty Risk Order.



## TMO TIPS

The following are tips from the Traffic Management Office.

For more information contact the local Traffic Management Office or GySgt Quirindongo at 645-0966.

• Personnel trying to ship a privately owned vehicle, including motorcycles, should check to see if the vehicle meets U.S. Department of Transportation and EPA standards. Look inside the driver's door and under the hood for cars and trucks and under the seat for motorcycles for a sticker. If there is not a sticker stating the vehicle meets U.S. standards, then owners must contact Registered Importer to bring the vehicle to standards. A valid contract must be signed and provide to TMO prior to arranging the vehicle for shipment. For more information contact the Naha Vehicle Processing section at 648-7388 or visit the website at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).



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## Friendly partnership

Marine Forces Pacific Commander LtGen Frank Libutti greets Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine with a warm handshake and a Hawaiian wood bowl during an office visit May 24 in Hawaii. Addressing Governor Inamine as a partner and special friend, LtGen Libutti pledged continued close consultation with the Okinawan people and thanked the governor for the contributions of the Okinawan people in support of our Marines and their families stationed on Okinawa.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Memorial Day Ceremony

The Okinawa chapter of the Retired Officers Association and 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion are sponsoring a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at 9 a.m. at the International Cemetery in Naha.

The event is open to the public. Appropriate civilian attire is recommended. The uniform for active duty service members is the Service C or equivalent.

For more information call MGySgt Trigilia at 637-3705.

### Okinawa International Chorus

The Okinawa International Chorus will be holding a concert June 1 and 2. The June 1 concert will be held at the Gushikawa Fine Arts Theatre, and the June 2 concert will be held at the Camp Foster Chapel. The chorus will perform classical, Japanese, Okinawan, and American folk music, show tunes, spirituals and barbershop melodies.

For more information call 645-7323.

### Special Olympics

The Special Olympics is asking for the support of the entire Navy/Marine Corps community. All units, clubs, groups and individuals are invited to become volunteer workers, escorts, translators or are welcome to attend the event. Japanese translators are especially needed.

The Special Olympics is scheduled for June 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the McDonald Stadium and Risner Fitness Complex, Kadena Air Base. Loretta Claiborne, International Special Olympics Medalist, will be the guest speaker.

For more information or to volunteer contact Capt Mike Anderson at 623-4362 or 090-352-0644.

### Love Earth Clean-up

Okinawan communities are looking for volunteers to join in the national clean-up Japan Day. This is a chance to do something positive in the local community. The Marine Corps has been asked to clean the Wakasa Beach Park in Naha from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 3.

For more information or to participate in the event call Ms. Simmons at 645-4227.

### Red Cross Volunteers

The Kadena Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help with an antique furniture and jewelry sale June 2-3. The fund raiser will take place at Kadena Air Base's Falcon Gym.

Volunteers will also be needed Today starting at noon for setup and June 3 starting at 5 p.m. for tear down.

For more information or to volunteer contact the American Red Cross at 634-1979.

### Marine Corps University

The Marine Corps University is taking early enrollments for the 2001-2002 academic year which will begin in October 2001.

Courses taught by seminar include: Command and Staff, Amphibious Warfare School Phase I and Amphibious Warfare School Phase II. The seminars are taught by adjunct faculty which meet once a week for two hours at a time. To receive materials before the start of the academic year students are urged to sign up now.

For more information contact either Mr. Hopkins or Mrs. Eisenmann at 645-2230 or visit the website at <http://mcu.mcbbutler.usmc.mil>.

### To submit a brief ...

Send an e-mail to [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or fax your request to 645-3803. The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only and they are run on a space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for submitting briefs is noon every Friday and the Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material to fit space.



# Philippine, U.S. Marines storm



An Assault Amphibian Vehicle awaits further orders after landing on the beach at Ternate during an amphibious assault. The *USS Fredrick* (LST 1184) was the landing ship for the Marine force.



LCpl Thomas Seward, Crewman, Combat Assault Battalion, provides local security for his AAV while LtCol Kip Haskell, Commanding Officer, 3/7, checks his map.



Marines from Company L, 3/7, establish a perimeter security prior to linking-up.



# on beaches

## Marines conduct amphibious assault exercise

Story and photos by 1stLt Neil A. Peterson



Forces participating in Exercise Balikatan 2001.



with their Philippine Marine counterparts and conducting further offensive operations.

**MARINE BASE TERNATE, CAVITE, Republic of the Philippines** — Military observers and media gathered on the bluffs at Ternate May 7 to observe a combined Marine battalion assault from the sea and seizure of inland objectives.

The combined amphibious and heli-borne assault is a culminating training event for the U.S. Marines deployed here.

"This year's Balikatan exercise is focused on cross-training and field tactical exercises with emphasis on tactics, techniques, procedures and the execution of a joint/combined amphibious and heli-borne operation with subsequent operations ashore," said Maj Bon Vibar, a Philippine Marine Corps reservist and narrator for the day's events.

Maj Vibar started the day with an operational briefing for the gathered onlookers to explain the fictitious scenario the forces were presented with.

A merchant ship had been spotted in the area and was seen off-loading large quantities of arms and equipment to insurgents of the Samaran Regional Force. The SRF was in the process of re-equipping its forces to conduct platoon-sized offensive operations in the Ternate area. Intelligence analysis indicated that it would take a battalion-sized force to locate and destroy the enemy.

The plan called for the simultaneous landing of Philippine and U.S. Marine Corps rifle companies on separate beaches and a U.S. Marine Corps rifle company to conduct a heli-borne assault onto the high ground. The amphibious forces would push inland to link-up and then continue on to the objective, while the heli-borne company would land on the high ground and push down the ridgeline to secure the high ground.

The landing began with simulated naval gunfire support and close air support provided by Philippine Air Force F-5 fighter-bombers and U.S. Marine Corps AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopters. Philippine engineers placed C-4 charges along the beach to add to the realism.

While the preparatory bombardment

was underway, the *USS Frederick* (LST 1184) began discharging the Assault Amphibian Vehicles from its well deck. The AAV's quickly formed into landing waves and moved toward the beach under cover of supporting fire.

The bluffs quickly became the focus of attention as the Super Cobra's simulated low-flying firing runs to suppress any enemy in the helicopter landing areas. The sky immediately was filled with aircraft as U.S. Marine CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters began closing on the landing zone.

The Super Stallions quickly landed in the zone and discharged the company. After establishing a perimeter and consolidating their forces, the Marines began attacking along the ridgeline and securing the high ground that overlooked the landing beach.

The AAV's turned on their smoke generators as they closed on the beach to create a smokescreen to obscure them from the enemy. They quickly came ashore and began discharging the Marines onto the beach.

The initial wave of Philippine Marines was greeted by the sound of gunfire as the insurgent forces opened fire in an attempt to repel the Marines' assault. However, the Marines quickly gained the advantage and began moving inland, overrunning enemy positions as the second wave of AAVs came ashore.

The U.S. Marines landed unopposed on a separate beach and began to rapidly establish a perimeter to support the link-up operations. They launched combat patrols to conduct the link-up with the Philippine Marines.

After successfully joining their Philippine counterparts, the combined Marine force assaulted and seized the objective area. With the successful destruction of the SRF, the Marines celebrated another hard-earned victory.

The U.S. Marines involved in the exercise here are all part of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment from Twentynine Palms, Calif. The unit is currently attached to the 4th Marine Regiment on Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.



Philippine Marines storm the beaches after riding in U.S. Marine Corps AAVs at Ternate during a combined exercise.



# Satellites keep Marines linked

CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB  
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**PHITSANULOK, Thailand** — Communication is key to the success of nearly any mission, and the Marines of 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group have proven themselves capable of providing this asset.

A large web of communication carrying vital information covers the country and delivers important message traffic to the various U.S. military units participating in Cobra Gold 2001. The Marines of 7th Comm Bn are working closely as a team and playing a large role in maintaining these vital lines of communication.

The main 7th Comm Bn site located here looks like any other tactical site ... with one exception. Overlooking the van-containers and the camouflage netting that conceals the structures, three four-story-high satellite dishes reach toward the sky and are constantly receiving and sending data.

Within the containers, the 17 communication Marines and their numerous computers clutter the small spaces as they work to support all the messages and data being sent to the thousands of service members conducting the exercise.

The process of sending data from other locations around the world can start easily from a simple laptop computer, according to GySgt Joseph A. Middlebrooks, Systems Chief, Transmissions Platoon, Support Company, 7th Comm Bn.

Unclassified messages are sent over the web and received by the main communication center, which then verifies the electronic information and address is correct. In turn, the communication center then sends the information to the other two 7th Comm Bn units in Thailand via encrypted channels, according to GySgt Middlebrooks.

"The message traffic we usually see coming through

"The data consists mainly of exercise message traffic, status reports and communication spot reports which give the commanders an eye on the outside world."



CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB  
 The satellite dishes the 7th Communications Battalion uses are constantly sending and receiving message traffic.

is information from units like Headquarters Marine Corps and are the messages known as world traffic, since it is viewable by practically everyone," GySgt Middlebrooks said. "The data consists mainly of exercise message traffic, status reports and communication spot reports which give the commanders an eye on the outside world."

The method of sending and receiving real-world messages using computers is looked upon more favorably than other conventional methods for a number of reasons, according to GySgt Middlebrooks. It can take hours to efficiently send a large report over the phone and FAX transmissions can easily be interrupted with information lost.

"Time is of the essence when sending these messages," GySgt Middlebrooks said. "When the information is sent to us, and after the information is verified, it could easily be only 20 minutes before we get the information out to where it needs to be."

Once 7th Comm Bn Marines have their hands on the information, it is up to the Data Platoon Marines to separate the message traffic and send it to the proper locations in the shared folders. The shared files are accessible by the units participating in Cobra Gold.

Once in a while, however, a message requiring more security than normal, such as a top-secret message, requires special attention, according to SSgt Jesse C. Donely, Communication Center Chief, Data Platoon, Service Co, 7th Comm Bn.



CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB  
 Cpl Eric Gonzalez, Small Computer Technician, Service Co, 7th Comm Bn, III MEF Headquarters Group, processes message traffic during Exercise Cobra Gold 2001.

"We don't shoot top-secret messages across the net," SSgt Donely said. "In a case like that, we would print that message out, stamp it, seal it and hand carry it to that user."

If it weren't for the hard work of the communication Marines and their abilities to pull together as a team, the exercise would be missing an essential piece in accomplishing the mission. According to GySgt Middlebrooks, the Marines had no problem rising to the challenges facing them.

"These Marines have come out here and set-up to full capacity from the ground up in a short amount of time. That includes setting up operations and putting up the cammie-netting," said GySgt Middlebrooks. "So far, the Marines have been able to get good experience out of the exercise, and we continue to look forward to accomplishing the mission."

## Chaplain guides Marines, Sailors to spirituality during deployment

LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON  
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**GLADSTONE, Australia** — Marines and Sailors looking to continue their spirituality while on the Tandem Thrust deployment here can turn to the chaplain.

Chaplains deploy with Marines and Sailors to provide assistance or help them work through personal and family issues with confidentiality, and this exercise is no different.

"I feel it's very important to nurture your spiritual side, especially when you're away from family and friends for any length of time," said Navy LT Judy T. Malana, Chaplain, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. "We're here to provide help and lend an ear to Marines and Sailors far from home."

The chapel service can help service members develop a good state of mind and raise morale, which is essential to mission readiness.

"It's important to be mentally prepared so you can complete the mission at hand," said LCpl Nicholas A.

Nelson, Field Radio Operator, 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division. "Not being prepared will hurt you and your fellow Marines in the end."

Attending services and fellowship can help Marines and Sailors receive encouragement from each other. By stopping by the chapel, they can find someone who can relate to a particular need or problem, according to Lt Malana. She said realizing that some problems are common between service members makes it easier when coping with a situation.

Worship services, pastoral counseling and bible studies at the chapel are offered for various religions and beliefs each week.

Traditional, Episcopalian, Contem-



LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON  
 LCDR Francis P. Foley, Chaplain, Tandem Thrust Combined Exercise Support Group, preaches to Marines and Sailors during Catholic Mass at the chapel in Gladstone, Australia.

porary Gospel and Catholic Mass services are held each Sunday morning at the chapel, while Islamic services are held each Friday, and Muslims are offered the freedom to conduct daily prayers in the chapel.

A weekly Bible study and video night is also held, which involves studying the word of God with the aid of video.

"By having such a variety of religious services, this ensures that everyone can find what they need or are looking for," LCpl Nelson said. "There's no reason to discriminate against any religion because everyone is different and is accustomed to his or her own beliefs."

The chaplain also coordinates community relations programs to involve

Marines and Sailors with the Australian community. These activities include visitations to local nursing homes, kindergarten and elementary schools and universities.

"The community relations events develop a cultural exchange with the Australians," Lt Malana said. "It's a time to exchange stories so we can learn from them and share a part of our culture with them."

Having the chaplain services also helps when the deployment is finished.

"It's exciting to come to a camp and build up spiritual being," Lt Malana said. "When we return from the mission, we can hopefully be better adults, husbands, wives and parents. I hope the deployment will give us time to focus on what is important in our lives."

Marines and Sailors need no appointment to visit with a chaplain because the door to the chapel and chaplain's office is always open.

"We want Marines and Sailors to come and talk with us and see what we have to offer," Lt Malana said. "Just as they serve our country, we're here to serve them."



# MCCS comforts in Thailand

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP SAMAESAN, Thailand** — Deployment support is something that has been going on for a long time. In 1997 the idea of deployment support expanded when a couple of volunteers decided to take a charcoal grill to Thailand to make life a little better for Marines participating in Exercise Cobra Gold.

Four years later, one of those original volunteers and a new group of employees are still helping out, but what started as one grill has turned into a wide-array of morale boosters for Marines and Sailors here.

Marine Corps Community Services on Okinawa sends people to Thailand to help Marines cope with being in a foreign land and to provide comfort whenever and wherever possible, according to Mike Garcia, Recreation Director, MCCS.

"We want to find ways to uplift spirits and boost morale for the Marines participating in this exercise," Garcia said. "We don't have everything because we're still learning to walk when it comes to this type of thing, but we're still supporting troops as best we can."

While the exercise focuses on the cooperative training environments of U.S. and Royal Thai Marines, the staff of MCCS has tried to help anyone participating in the exercise.

"We're not only here to support Marines," said Sgt Dixie Kimball, Recreation Supervisor, MCCS. "Although the money comes from the Marines' organization, we're here to support everyone."

The program provides things such as satellite television, basketball, karaoke, pool tables and air-conditioned trailers where Marines and Sailors can watch movies or eat lunch. While MCCS provides all of these things on Camp Sameasan, where most of the Marines are staying, their program stretches out into the nearest town of Pattaya as well.

In conjunction with the local Internet cafes, MCCS has provided free Internet service for Marines, giving them a way to maintain contact with their loved ones at home.

To make sure the Marines have something to write about when they do visit the Internet cafes, MCCS also offers various tours that bring Marines closer to the culture of Thailand. Marines are afforded the opportunity to see the sacred temples of Bangkok or the ancient art of Thai boxing.

"It was very good how MCCS scheduled many of the tours before the exercises began so people could get a chance to see them," said GySgt Ray Garza, Liaison, Intelligence Battalion, 3d Marine Division. "MCCS is utilizing its funds very well, considering all the things it is providing for the Marines out here."



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

During a canal tour, Marines buy souvenirs from a canal vendor. These vendors cook food, run banks and sell gifts on the canal for the Thai people who live along the edges of the canals.

## Motor Transport drivers keep Marines, Sailors moving at Tandem Thrust

### Section's mission is to keep Marines, equipment mobile

LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**GLADSTONE, Australia** — More than 3,500 Marines are in country supporting Tandem Thrust/ Freedom Banner, 600 of whom are currently here. The Motor Transportation section here is working to keep these Marines on the move.

The unit is comprised of seven Motor Transportation operators and three mechanics from Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

"We're here to transport Marines and Sailors where they need to be," said SSgt Phillip D. Murphy, Motor Transportation Chief, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

"The mission will not go as planned without the necessary transportation to support it."

Transportation is important for Marines and Sailors in a deployed environment.

"You can't complete the mission if you're not where you're supposed to be," said LCpl Ian I. Keen, Guard, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF. "Transportation is always important, no matter what the mission is."

The Motor Transportation section here uses two five-ton vehicles, seven Humvees and one ambulance to support the Marines and Sailors.

"Without our support, fellow units would suffer because they depend upon us when they need

transportation," SSgt Murphy said. "We have a very important job here, and we are doing everything we can to make sure the deployment is successful."

The unit is also responsible for transporting cargo such as gear, food, ammunition, artillery and fresh water.

"Transporting cargo is just another part of our job because Marines are no good without equipment," SSgt Murphy said. "It's our responsibility to make sure equipment arrives on time and without any complications."

To ensure the vehicles are in good operating condition, the unit performs weekly preventive maintenance. This includes checking oil, water, seatbelts, lights and tires and making sure there are no leaks or cracks on the vehicle. Damaged or broken parts are replaced immediately.

"It's important that we keep our vehicles in good working condition because we never know when they will be used," said LCpl Isaac Sanchez, Motor Transportation Operator, III MEF Headquarters Group. "We want to have vehicles ready to go at all times."

For many of the Marines in the Motor Transportation section, the deployment has served as a learning experience.

"We're learning to work as a team and get the job done in a field environment," LCpl Sanchez said. "The lessons and experience will be valuable because this is the first deployment some of us have been on."

As the deployment continues, the sections can depend on the Motor Transport Marines to help



LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON

LCpl Issac Sanchez, Motor Transportation Operator, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF, replaces an oil dipstick in a humvee at Camp Gladstone, Australia.

in their mission accomplishment, according to SSgt Murphy.

"We're here to provide whatever we can for the Marines and Sailors," SSgt Murphy said. "I know more will be expected from us further along in the deployment. The unit will do what it can to provide the transportation that is needed."





SSGT JASON M. WEBB

PFC Michael Collins, Combat Engineer, Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, 3d Marine Division, takes a break from playing volleyball and sits with three orphans at Pattaya Orphanage. Approximately 65 Marines and Sailors volunteered to interact and play with the children at one of Pattaya's largest orphanages.

## Marines, Sailors offer friendship at orphanage

SSGT JASON M. WEBB  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**PATTAYA, Thailand** — Marines and Sailors participating in Exercise Cobra Gold 2001 volunteered their time May 12 to bring a smile to the faces of the children at the Pattaya Orphanage here.

The annual visit, sponsored by deployed chaplains from Marine Corps bases on Okinawa and Hawaii, gave the volunteers an opportunity to see a different side of the popular resort town known for its nightlife and beaches.

"This trip offers the best of everything to the kids and the Marines. It's uplifting for both," said Navy LCDR J.P. Hedges, Command Chaplain, Combat Service Support Detachment-79, 3d Force Service Support Group.

Throughout the afternoon, the Marines and Sailors mostly played team sports and talked to the orphans. The smaller children gained the most attention by using the Marines as jungle gyms.

The interaction was the main focus of the trip, according to LCDR Hedges. "It's fun to see the Marines having a good time and enjoying themselves. Some of (the Marines) have kids of their own, and you can tell they miss them by the way they play with these

kids," LCDR Hedges said.

Even though the focus was interaction with the children, the service members also received a tour of the garden-like facility in the heart of one of Pattaya's poorest neighborhoods.

The guides treated the service members like guests and showed them the vast array of facilities for the children.

The Pattaya Orphanage, founded in 1970 with only eight babies, is now home to more than 180 boys and girls. It also has other numerous sponsorship activities that include schools for the deaf, blind, disabled, and a small section in which school volunteers actively seek out street children to bring them in off the streets. Overall, the school helps out more than 600 children by clothing, feeding and schooling them.

"I like it when my new friends come here and spend time with me. I always make good friends with them all," said Pantip Bantab, an 8-

year-old girl who has lived at the orphanage her entire life. "I look forward to seeing them soon, so I can teach them to speak better Thai."

"This trip gives the orphans a better perception of what we are all about as Americans. These kids will never forget it," LCDR Hedges said.

The chaplains have planned to visit the orphanage every weekend throughout Exercise Cobra Gold 2001.



SSGT JASON M. WEBB

Children from Pattaya Orphanage laugh while trying to teach Marines and Sailors how to speak fluent Thai during the annual visit to the orphanage.

## Service members visit Thai school, spread goodwill with kids

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**PATTAYA, Thailand** — More than 30 Marines and Sailors visited a Thai public school here May 18 to visit the children and brighten up their school.

The Marines and Sailors worked with the Pattaya YWCA and the Rotary Club of Taksin Pattaya to bring children food, toys, sports equipment and a smile.

"We wanted to show goodwill toward the people," said Navy LCDR J.P. Hedges, Command Chaplain, Combat Service Support Detachment-79, 3d Force Service Support Group. "Yes, we're here for a military exercise, but we want them to also see that we're just people who want to help them."

Along with the gifts and food, the Marines spent time painting, cutting grass, trimming trees and various other jobs to help with the beautification of the school.

The Marines and Sailors who participated were aware of the possible impact they may have on the children from the school.

"This may have been the first contact any of

these children have had with military personnel," LCDR Hedges said. "This will hopefully be something the children will remember for years."

The event was also good for the U.S. personnel involved, according to LCDR Hedges.

"A lot of these people have families and children at home," LCDR Hedges said. "Because of that, they know how important things like these are to the children, so they are much more motivated to go out and help."

Many of the service members said the visit reminded them of how fortunate they are. Throughout the day the similarities between the cultures was evident to some.

"Things we take for granted (such as air-conditioning, food and medicine) are not readily available here," said PO3 Amy Italiano, Surgical Technician, CSSD-79, 3d FSSG. "It seems that no matter where you go, there are people in need and people who are willing to help."

Most importantly, the Marines and Sailors hope their efforts will change the more common misconceptions about the military some people have.



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

GySgt Kara Cox, Protocol Chief, G-1, III MEF, sits with kindergarten students at the Thailand Public School in Pattaya, Thailand. GySgt Cox spent time with the students teaching them how to make sounds of animals and say them in English. She was one of nearly 40 Marines and Sailors who volunteered to spend time at the school.

"We're on their land training, but we're not warmongers looking to pick a fight," LCDR Hedges said. "We're lovers of peace and freedom, and we just want people to see that through everything we do."



# Coach packs punches with self-esteem

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC DAMIAN MCGEE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Donald K. Hansen, coach of the Okinawan Boxing Club, has been training boxers since 1977.

Hansen's own career started in 1975 when he began boxing as a senior in high school.

"I was too small for football and too short for basketball," Hansen said. He stood 5-feet-10 inches and weighed a mere 120 pounds. "I got picked on a lot and found I had a natural propensity for fighting. Once I started, I discovered that I was pretty good."

Hansen was so good, he won the New York State Golden Gloves in 1976 and opened his own training facility in 1977 in the suburbs of New York.

At his gym, Hansen began developing many of the techniques and theories that he uses in his teaching today.

"Many coaches only want their fighters to listen to them," Hansen said. "I tell my fighters to take what they can from me, but if someone shows them something that works better, then use that."

Hansen feels comfortable telling his fighters to learn from other sources because it is that same way that Hansen developed his ability.

"I take from boxing, martial arts and kickboxing," Hansen said.

Throughout Hansen's career he has trained numerous people, including Travis Scott, a former Golden Glove champion; Joe Malerie, who started as a lance corporal, advanced to second ranked in the country and now fights professionally; Doug LeJohn, a heavyweight who, at one point, was ranked fifth in the country.

Throughout his years of boxing experience, Hansen has had his share of bouts, but one, he said, stands out in his memory.

"His name was Elio Fabrisi," Hansen said. "It was 1980 and I had brought some of my fighters to compete in a bout. While there, the promoter asked me if I would be willing to fight. I told him that I wasn't really in boxing shape, but he convinced me."

"As I was preparing for my fight, my fighters asked me who I was fighting. I told them, 'Elio Fabrisi,'" Hansen said. "Their eyes got huge and all they could say was, 'He's really good!' I turned to them and said, 'So am I!'"

"When the bout started I noticed I had about five inches on the guy and clearly had the reach over him," Hansen said.

"But when that bell rang this guy came flying across the ring and threw me into the corner and just started going at me."

"I remember one shot in the second round where I know I hit him with all I had," Hansen said. "I couldn't hit anyone as hard as I hit him."

Hansen said he ended up getting tired and losing the bout, but it wasn't until the next day that the fight's significance would hit him.

"It was then that I saw a poster that said 'Come see Elio Fabrisi ... Canadian Lightweight Champion,'" Hansen said. "I guess that explains why no matter how hard I hit this guy it didn't phase him."



Hansen



In addition to teaching younger boxers, Donald Hansen likes to keep up on his own skills. Here Hansen shows he still has a lot of the speed from his younger days.

Experiences such as those are what make Hansen the great trainer he is.

"I have a lot of personal experience," Hansen said. "Because of that experience I can tell a fighter something as well as show them."

Most importantly, Hansen said he simply wants to show young men that there is something out there they can be good at.

"I can take a guy who doesn't know how to fight and make him a decent boxer in three months," Hansen said. "Like anything else, it takes time to perfect their skills, but that depends on whether or not they're willing to work."

According to Hansen, boxing is primarily based on heart. It gives individuals a heightened level of self-confidence.

"It always seemed like people treated me differently when I started boxing," Hansen said. "I don't know what it is, but I want to pass that same feeling of confidence on to others."

For Hansen, it's not about his own achievements, but rather what he can do for others.

"I'm not trying to glorify myself in any way," Hansen said. "I just want to be able to teach others what I've learned about the art of boxing."

For more information on how to join the Okinawan Boxing Club, contact Hansen at 645-7444.



Once Donald Hansen has worked with a boxer for a while, it is easy to see some of Hansen's styles and techniques through his fighters. Whether they utilize his style or pick up another one, Hansen is always watching closely to ensure his boxers perform at the top of their ability.





LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

Ron A. Nason, Vice President, Remote Control Car Club, makes a last-minute inspection of his RC car before his race. "My dad got me involved in remote control cars," Nason said. "I have been hooked ever since."

## Little cars provide local race enthusiasts big thrills

LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CHIBANA RECREATION AREA** — It is the one place on Okinawa where drivers can rev their engine, spin their tires, and take corners at speeds that would land most people in jail.

Chibana Remote Control Car Club members race their gas-powered vehicles at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour on a special racing course here. Races take place every second Sunday and fourth Saturday.

Founded in 1998, the club hosts 30-35 competitors for races, according to Timothy D. Brott, CRCCC President.

"The members have three, five-minute qualification heats each race," Brott said. "The object during each race is to complete the most laps."

Each car runs on nitro methane gas, similar to the type used in real dragsters. Cars can run for up to 10 minutes on a full tank with a .12 cubic inch engine. The fuel can cost up to \$45 a gallon, but can last several months, according to Brott.

In order to be good at this hobby, Ron A. Nason, CRCCC Vice President said participants must have

skill, a good vehicle and responsive remote.

Also, knowledge of how these mini cars work might come in handy due to crashes, according to Brott.

"Constant maintenance is required, such as lube-jobs, keeping the engines clean and adjusting parts," Brott said. "You do a lot more work on these than you probably would your regular car."

"Anyone who likes to tinker will like this hobby," Nason said.

Competition and teamwork are also part of racing the remote control cars.

"Ron and I are probably some of the most competitive people out here racing, but we all help each other out," Brott said. "It's competitive on the track, not in the pits."

"I often pit for Tim, and he often pits for me when I'm racing," Nason said.

"This is a hobby that families can enjoy together," Brott said. "It's easy to get addicted to it."

The appeal of this hobby attracts all types of people, especially those who dreamed of racing professionally, according to Brott.

"It is an adrenaline rush, the same type I get when racing a '71 Plymouth down a quarter-mile drag



Members of the Remote Control Car Club, Chibana Recreation Area, Kadena Air Base, maintain and adjust their vehicles before every race.



GYSGT MATT HEVEZI

Tinkering with tiny car parts is a big part of racing RC cars. The proper adjustment can make the difference between winning and losing a race.

strip," Brott said.

"It takes good coordination to race these cars," he said. "You have to know which way to turn the car after it has been turned around."

Before racing in competition, Brott recommends practice. Members are allowed to use the track for practice any time. Brott said the track here is the only one of its kind on Okinawa.

"Beginners are welcome and the members are more than happy to help out anyone interested in joining," Nason said.

For more information call 633-3074.





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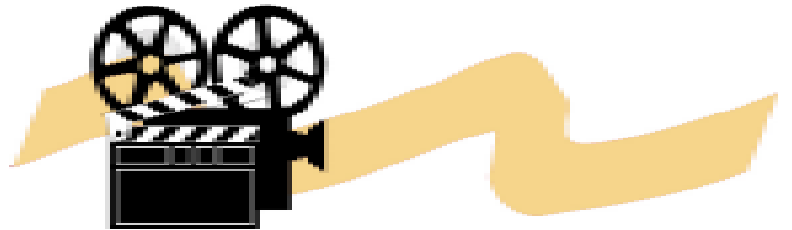


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**Sat** Hannibal (R); 9:00  
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**Mon** Hannibal (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Shrek (PG); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00

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**Fri** The Mummy Returns (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** The Mummy Returns (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sun** Say It Isn't So (R); 2:00, 5:30  
**Mon** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Tue** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00

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**Fri** Shrek (PG); 7:00  
**Sat** Hannibal (R); 7:00  
**Sun** Hannibal (R); 7:00

**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** See Spot Run (PG); 1:00  
**Wed** 15 Minutes (R); 7:00  
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**Fri** Driven (PG13); 5:30  
**Fri** Hannibal (R); 9:30  
**Sat** Shrek (PG); 1:00  
**Sat** Driven (PG13); 5:30  
**Sat** Hannibal (R); 9:00  
**Sun** Shrek (PG); 2:00  
**Sun** Chocolat (PG13); 5:30  
**Sun** Say It Isn't So (R); 8:30  
**Mon** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00  
**Tue** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00

## Butler (645-3465)

**Fri** See Spot Run (PG); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sat** Chocolat (PG13); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sat** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sun** Chocolat (PG13); 1:00, 4:00

**Sun** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Mon** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Shrek (PG); 7:00

## Futenma (636-3890)

**Fri** Save the Last Dance (PG13); 7:30  
**Sat** Hannibal (R); 6:00  
**Sun** See Spot Run (PG); 6:00  
**Mon** The Mummy Returns (R); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Hannibal (R); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

## Kinser (637-2177)

**Fri** Hannibal (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Chocolat (PG13); 3:00  
**Sat** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** The Mexican (R); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Chocolat (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Shrek (PG); 7:00  
**Thu** Say It Isn't So (R); 7:00



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